

***United States Court of Appeals  
for the Second Circuit***



**APPENDIX**





To Be Argued By  
PHILIP PELTZ

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

75-1236

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellant

Docket No. 75-1236

-v-

ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal From the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of New York

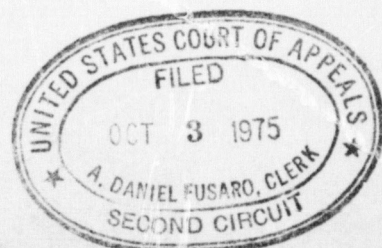
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TITLE OF CASE

THE UNITED STATES

ROSaura MUNOZ DE GARCIA

CLOSED

For U. S.:

For Defendant:

Philip Peltz

32 Court St., Bklyn, NY.

852-4335

Violation of narcotics

ABSTRACT OF COSTS

AMOUNT

DATE

CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED

NAME

RECEIVED

DISBURSED

Fine.

Clerk.

Marshal.

Attorney.

Commissioner's Court.

Witnesses.

DATE

PROCEEDINGS

12/7/72 (1) Before Judd, J. - Indictment filed.

12-18-72 Before Travia J - Case called - Marked Off Calendar

1/4/73 Before Travia, J. - Case called - Adj'd to 1/5/73 at 2:00 P.M.

1-5-73 (2) Notice of Appearance filed.

1-5-73 Before Travia J - Case called - Deft & counsel Philip Peltz present - Elena Cardenas interpreter present and sworn. Deft waives reading of the Indictment and enters a plea of not guilty - 30 days for Motions - Bail continued.

2-5-73 (3) Notice of Motion filed with Memorandum of Law, ret. 2-23-73. (4) for Bill of Particulars, Inspection, suppression etc. A

2/23/73 Before TRAVIA, J. - Case called - Motion marked off with leave to renew.

3/14/73 (5) Notice of Readiness for Trial filed.

3-14-73 511-72 v 2062 Inserted into CR file.

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DATE	PROCEEDINGS
11/1/74	Memorandum scheduling pretrial conference for 11/26/74 at 9:45 A.M. filed
11/26/74	Before DOOLING, J.- Case called- Deft and counsel Philip Peltz present- Interpreter sworn- conference held and concluded- trial date set for 3/24/75
11/26/74	Memorandum to all counsel from Judge Dooling that case will commence on 3/24/75 at 10:00 A.M.
3-24-75	Affidavit of Actual Engagement filed by Philip Peltz.
3-24-75	Before BRAMWELL, J - case called & adjd to 4-28-75 for trial.
4/28/75	Before BRAMWELL, J.- Case called- Adjd to 4/30/75 for trial
4/30/75	Case called. Deft and Counsel present. Albert B. Boyne sworn as interpreter. Trial adjourned to 5/1/75 at 10:00 at request of Gvt.
4-30-75	Defts Jury Questions filed.
5-2-75	Before BRAMWELL, J - case called - deft & counsel P.Peltz present - Interpreter Albert Barron present - trial ordered and BEGUN - Selection of Jurors begun - Jurors selected and sworn - trial contd to May 5, 1975.
5/5/75	Before BRAMWELL, J.- Case called- Deft and counsel present-Interpreter sworn-Trial resumed - Hearing on motion to suppress begun-Motion to suppress denied-hearing concluded-Govt's application to dismiss count 2- motion granted Trial contd to 5/6/75 at 10:00 A.M.
5-6-75	Before BRAMWELL, J - case called - deft & counsel P.Peltz and interpreter Albert Barron present - trial resumed-Govt rests - defts motion for judgment of acquittal - motion denied - Trial contd to May 7, 1975 @9:30
5-7-75	Before BRAMWELL, J - case called - deft & counsel P.Peltz & Albert Barron-Boyne as Interpreter present - trial resumed - Defts motion for Judgment of Acquittal - motion denied - trial contd to May 8, 1975 at 10:30 A.M.
5/8/75	Before BRAMWELL, J.- Case called- Deft and counsel present-Interpreter sworn Trial resumed-Court charges jury-Jury retires to deliberate-Jury returns and renders a verdict of guilty on counts 1 and 3-jury polled-jury discharged-bail of additional \$5,000.00 cash to be posted-sentence adjd without date
5/8/75	Voucher for expert services filed (interpreter)
5/8/75	By BRAMWELL, J.- Order of sustenance filed
5/8/75	Stenographers Transcript dated 5/5/75, 5/6/75 and 5/7/75 filed
5-9-75	By BRAMWELL, J - Order filed releasing bail (to P.Peltz, Esq.)
5/12/75	Before BRAMWELL, J.- Case called Bail set at \$50,000.00 surety bond- deft to post \$1500.00 cash bail plus deed to house in Elmhurst
6-20-75	Before BRAMWELL, J - case called - deft & counsel P.Peltz present - deft is sentenced to imprisonment for a period of 5 years plus special parole term of 5 years on count (1) pursuant to 18:4208(a)(2) and 5 yrs.

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## CRIMINAL DOCKET

DATE	PROCEEDINGS
	on count 3 to run concurrently with sentence imposed in count one - deft advised of her rights to appeal - court appoints Philip Peltz as counsel for appeal - order appointing counsel filed.
6-20-75	By BRAMWELL, J - Order filed appointing counsel for deft.
6-20-75	Judgment & Commitment filed - certified copies to Marshal.
6-20-75	Notice of Appeal filed.
6-20-75	Docket entries and duplicate of Notice of Appeal mailed to Court of Appeals.
7/1/75	Stenographers Transcript dated 5/8/75 filed
7-2-75	Order received from the Court of Appeals that the Record on Appeal be docketed on or before July 10, 1975, in default of which the appeal shall be dismissed forthwith.
7-3-75	Voucher for expert services filed (deft DE GARCIA)
7/8/75	Record on appeal certified and mailed to court of appeals
7/9/75	Certified copy of Judgment and Commitment retd and filed- deft delivered to Women's House of Detention at Rikers Island
7/11/75	Acknowledgment received from court of appeal for receipt of record
7-16-75	Notice of Motion filed for a new trial pursuant to Rule 33 on the basis of newly discovered evidence, etc. (forwarded to Chambers)
7-30-75	Govts Memorandum of Law filed in opposition to defts motion for a new trial and Govts affidavit in response to defts notice of motion filed .
8-1-75	Before BRAMWELL, J - case called - defts motion for new trial - motion argued and motion denied - submit Order on Notice (DE GARCIA)
8-7-75	Voucher for Expert Services filed
8-7-75	Certified copy of Judgment & Commitment retd and filed - deft delivered to Alderson, West Va.
8-7-75	By BRAMWELL, J - Order filed that motion vacating judgment of conviction is denied in all respects.
8-11-75	Notice of Appeal filed (from denial motion for new trial)
8-11-75	Docket entries and duplicate of Notice mailed to the Court of Appeals.
9-22-75	Stenographers transcript filed dated May 2, 1975.
9-22-75	Voucher for Expert Services filed.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA,

Defendant.

INDICTMENT

Crim. No. \_\_\_\_\_

(T. 21, U.S.C., §§952(a),  
841(a)(1), 955, 960(a)(2),  
and 968(a)(2))

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

DEC 7 - 1972

COUNT ONE

TRAVIA, J

On or about the 16th day of November, 1972, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA, did knowingly and intentionally import approximately four thousand five hundred nineteen (4,519) grams of cocaine hydrochloride, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance into the United States from Chile in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 952(a). (Title 21, United States Code, Section 960(a)(1), 952(a)).

COUNT TWO

On or about the 16th day of November, 1972, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA, did knowingly and intentionally bring and possess, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Section 955, approximately four thousand five hundred nineteen (4,519) grams of cocaine hydrochloride, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, on board an aircraft, the said substance not then being a part of the cargo entered in the manifest for, or part of the official supplies of, said aircraft. (Title 21, United States Code, Section 960(a)(2) and Section 955)

COUNT THREE

On or about the 16th day of November, 1972, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent

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to distribute approximately four thousand five hundred nineteen (4,519) grams of cocaine hydrochloride, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance. (Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1))

A TRUE BILL

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IND. NO. 72 CR 1300

- against -

DEFENDANT'S JURY QUESTIONS

ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA,

Defendant.

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1. How much education do you have?
2. What schools did you attend?
3. Have you been in the Armed Forces? How long? Where?
4. Do you own or rent your home?
5. Have you read anything in any newspaper or magazine which would in any way prejudice you against the woman who is the accused in this case?
6. Do you have any bias, prejudice or preconceived ideas of any kind which would disable you from sitting fairly as a juror in this case where the defendant is charged with importation of ten pounds of cocaine?
7. Have you any personal feelings about the subject matter of this case which would interfere with your sitting fairly and impartially?
8. If the defendant should elect to testify in her own defense, she will do so with the aid of Mr. Baron-Boyne, Spanish interpreter--will this in any way prejudice you?
9. What is your prior jury experience?

Respectfully submitted,

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# VOIR DIRE

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(Time noted 10:00 o'clock.)

THE COURT: Counsel, what do you want to do at this time?

MR. PELTZ: There was a motion made for a suppression hearing and perhaps --

THE COURT: What was the nature of the suppression hearing?

MR. PELTZ: It was about the contraband which is the subject of each count in the indictment.

MR. ADLERSTEIN: I would like to say that this involves --

This case, as you are aware of, involves a seizure of contraband pursuant to a search of someone who came into the United States, which I believe are the broadest possible circumstances under which the Government has the right to search someone and take something which is contraband away from them.

If Mr. Peltz wants this hearing, depending on how your Honor feels --

But, my witnesses are not here at this time.

I thought we were going to pick a jury this afternoon.

THE COURT: We can pick a jury and have a hearing in the morning.

MR. ADLERSTEIN: Could you wait until after

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1 the hearing to swear in the jury?

2 I believe that the time of the swearing in of  
3 the jury should be after the hearing so that the  
4 Government wouldn't be prejudiced by any favorable  
5 ruling.

6 If you refrain from swearing in of the jury --

7 MR. PELTZ: I have no objection to that, your  
8 Honor.

9 THE COURT: I don't know if we can pick a jury  
10 before lunch, but I hope we can get started now.

11 MR. ADLERSTEIN: I have no objection to staying  
12 as long as it takes to pick a jury.

13 THE COURT: Okay, are we going to get them up?

14 MR. ADLERSTEIN: Will it be all right to wait  
15 to swear them in until after the suppression hearing?

16 THE COURT: We can do it that way if that is  
17 how you want it.

18 MR. ADLERSTEIN: Thank you, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Okay, call the jury.

20 (The Clerk calling the jury on the telephone.)

21 THE COURT: Did you get a copy fo the  
22 defendant's jury questions?

23 MR. ADLERSTEIN: Yes, but I don't have it  
24 with me since I didn't know we would be covering it  
25 now.

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1 But, Mr. Peltz has a copy.

2 THE COURT: I do not intend to ask the first  
3 four questions, but, I intend to ask the remainder of  
4 them.

5 MR. PELTZ: Your Honor, I don't know what your  
6 Honor's procedure or practice was, that is why I put  
7 the first four in writing.

8 Your Honor, aren't those reasonable background  
9 questions?

10 THE COURT: The questions I ask them will  
11 bring out the background as to occupation and as to  
12 what they do, that will bring out their backgrounds.

13 They tell me what they do and how long they  
14 have been doing it.

15 MR. PELTZ: What about education?

16 THE COURT: A man tells us what he does and  
17 you know what his education is.

18 MR. PELTZ: We had a jury a couple of weeks  
19 ago where a man was a bus driver and yet he had two  
20 college degrees.

21 THE COURT: So, what does that prove?

22 MR. PELTZ: If the defendant is making the  
23 determination --

24 THE COURT: Are you going to pick people  
25 based on their education?

1 MR. PELTZ: I would like to have the insight.

2 THE COURT: You do not want college degree  
3 people?

4 MR. PELTZ: I don't know if we will have that  
5 choice.

6 THE COURT: You know that the jury is supposed  
7 to represent the community.

8 You are telling me that you are picking them  
9 based on education.

10 MR. PELTZ: Well, I don't know until I hear.

11 THE COURT: Do you mean to say, if you look at  
12 a man and you hear he is educated you might not like  
13 him because he is educated and if you look at a man  
14 and he is not educated you might like him because he  
15 is not educated?

16 I don't understand this type of reasoning.

17 You can get an idea of his background from  
18 what he says, the way a person presents himself, and  
19 the things they say.

20 This will be indicative of this person's  
21 understanding, the way this person presents himself.

22 The fact that you get a bus driver who has two  
23 college degerees, is that a big deal because he's got  
24 two degrees.

25 What if he has a high school education?

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1 MR. PELTZ: I think, your Honor --

2 THE COURT: Maybe he wasted his time getting  
3 those degrees if that is all he can do.

4 MR. PELTZ: I think that the defendant is  
5 entitled to have some background.

6 THE COURT: Surely, as you question them you  
7 will hear the background of these people.

8 I am sure you will hear the background but,  
9 to go into a figure of how far do you go in school  
10 and can you read and write --

11 Do you want me to ask if they can read and  
12 write?

13 MR. PELTZ: I would like to know how far they  
14 went in school.

15 THE COURT: Suppose a person is a clerk for  
16 the last 15 years for Con Edison or the telephone  
17 company, do you want me to ask them if they can read  
18 or write?

19 MR. PELTZ: No, but, I don't see what you find  
20 objectionable about the question.

21 THE COURT: Not that it is objectionable but,  
22 in normal questioning you get a good idea of this  
23 person and what the person's background is and what  
24 this person is in the community and whether or not  
25 this is the type of person you want.

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1                   You will know if this is the person you want  
2 just in normal questioning.

3                   You can get this just from normal questioning.

4                   MR. PELTZ: Judge, I consider those normal  
5 questions.

6                   I consider those normal questions. But, I lack  
7 experience before your Honor.

8                   THE COURT: It is not a normal question.

9                   Just from various things an individual tells  
10 us you can get an idea of what this individual is and  
11 what his community standing is.

12                   There is no question about it.

13                   And, going into minute details as to different  
14 variations of this individual, it will give you that  
15 much more than just normal information about this  
16 person.

17                   MR. PELTZ: Does your Honor permit counsel to  
18 make any inquiries directly to the jury?

19                   THE COURT: No.

20                   MR. PELTZ: I would respectfully request that  
21 your Honor ask the first four questions in addition to  
22 any other questions he does ask.

23                   THE COURT: What is the difference if they were  
24 in the armed services?

25                   MR. PELTZ: Well, we will have law enforcement

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1 people as witnesses.

2 THE COURT: But, you are not asking that.

3 You are not asking that.

4 MR. PELTZ: Frequently, whether or not a person  
5 has been in the military does reveal something about  
6 the person.

7 THE COURT: You are not asking whether or not  
8 this person is involved in law enforcement through  
9 relatives or something else.

10 The fact that they're not in the armed forces  
11 doesn't give you an enforcement background.

12 MR. PELTZ: It gives me further insight into  
13 the person.

14 THE COURT: Why don't you ask me to ask them  
15 to tell me about law enforcement?

16 MR. PELTZ: I assume your Honor will.

17 THE COURT: You didn't put it down.

18 MR. PELTZ: I assume, your Honor, you'll ask  
19 it.

20 I never saw a trial in Federal Court where it  
21 wasn't asked.

22 THE COURT: Then, why do I have to ask if they  
23 are in the armed forces?

24 MR. PELTZ: Do you own or rent a home?

25 THE COURT: What bearing does that have?

1 Is your defendant in a tenant or landlord  
2 position where it would make a difference?

3 MR. PELTZ: It is a question which I think is  
4 important.

5 Everyone of the first four questions we are  
6 entitled to know.

7 As a right, we are entitled to have a jury of  
8 our peers.

9 THE COURT: You will get a jury of your peers,  
10 but I don't know what bearing it has whether or not  
11 they own or rent a home.

12 I don't know that what is before this Court is  
13 important to know whether they own or rent a home.

14 Please take it for granted that each of the  
15 jurors lives somewhere, whether they are a tenant or  
16 a landlord, that has no bearing on this type of  
17 situation.

18 You feel it does?

19 MR. PELTZ: I feel it may.

20 Judge, this is a very --

21 THE COURT: What do you want, landlords or  
22 tenants?

23 MR. PELTZ: With all due respect, I would make  
24 that determination on finding out.

25 THE COURT: I don't mind asking questions if

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1 they have some validity and if they can be of some  
2 help in determining whether these people are acceptable  
3 or not.

4 But, whether they are rental or nonrental, is  
5 that type of factor important?

6 Maybe you feel it does matter.

7 I don't understand how it has any bearing on  
8 this.

9 MR. PELTZ: Your Honor, we will be getting into  
10 jurors from all over the Eastern District and in the  
11 Federal jury selection process --

12 THE COURT: If you want to get rid of renters,  
13 take all of your minorities off, that will get rid of  
14 the renters and the others will be more likely to own  
15 their own homes.

16 MR. PELTZ: That is not always so.

17 THE COURT: But, for the most part, it is so.

18 I know it is not always so but, for the most  
19 part it will be so.

20 I would say that 85 percent of the minorities  
21 are renters.

22 MR. PELTZ: All these minorities aren't and the  
23 questions becomes significant because of the 10 or 15  
24 percent who may not be.

25 THE COURT: And, the 10 or 15 percent you wish?

1 MR. PELTZ: I cannot tell you right now what  
2 type of juror I want.

3 THE COURT: In the normal course of questioning  
4 of the jurors, the Court goes over a broad spectrum  
5 of the jurors picture and this spectrum will surely  
6 enable you to figure out whether or not this is the  
7 type of juror you wish.

8 You should be able to do this.

9 But, if you feel that a juror has to be  
10 questioned on every detail before you arrive at your  
11 determination; well, this is not reasonable.

12 MR. PELTZ: Your Honor is suggesting something  
13 that couldn't be further from counsel's intention.

14 I don't expect them to be questioned on every  
15 detail.

16 To get in such adversary questions, with your  
17 Honor --

18 We could have asked a dozen questions in the  
19 amount of time that we have been talking.

20 THE COURT: I am sure you will be able to pick  
21 your jurors.

22 I am sure that you'll be able to pick in the  
23 normal course of questions and through the broad  
24 spectrum that any judge puts to a jury.

25 This should be sufficient for you to have



1 some determination as to the juror's desirability,  
2 your undesirability, from your viewpoint.

3 MR. PELTZ: Would your Honor kindly --

4 Would you make the submitted questions part of  
5 the Court file?

6 THE COURT: No question about it.

7 It is part of the Court file, there is no  
8 question as to that.

9 It is part of the Court file. This is more  
10 here that you have?

11 MR. PELTZ: Perhaps, in selection, if your  
12 Honor doesn't cover it I can come up to side bar and  
13 tell you then.

14 MR. ADLERSTEIN: Can I ask a small modification  
15 be made as to Number 6?

16 THE COURT: Specific amounts?

17 MR. ADLERSTEIN: Yes, the Government intends  
18 to prove during the trial how much contents there was.

19 I think, at that time, if your Honor would not  
20 specify a figure it would be most wise.

21 THE COURT: I agree with that.

22 Anything further?

23 (No response.)

24 THE COURT: I will not specify the amount.

25 (Whereupon at this time the jury entered the

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1 courtroom.)

2 (Time noted 12:26.)

3 THE CLERK: The jury panel is here.

4 Do you swear that the questions you are about  
5 to be asked about your qualifications to sit as jurors  
6 will be the truth and the whole truth so help you God?  
7

8 THE JURY: We do.

9 THE CLERK: Be seated.

10 THE CLERK: Juror No. 1: Robert Lombardi.

11 THE CLERK: Juror No. 2: Linda Leyis.

12 THE CLERK: Juror No. 3: Silas Cohen.

13 THE CLERK: Juror No. 4: Patricia M. Pallome.

14 THE CLERK: Juror No. 5: Sal Starmauss.

15 THE CLERK: Juror No. 6: Joseph Selkove.

16 THE CLERK: Juror No. 7: Milton R. Warren.

17 THE CLERK: Juror No. 8: Richard Mullen.

18 THE CLERK: Juror No. 9: Florence Kinstrey.

19 THE CLERK: Juror No. 10: James T. Sullivan.

20 THE CLERK: Juror No. 11: Doris Flrney.

21 THE CLERK: Juror No. 12: Miltie Pettersson.

22 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury  
23 and members of the jury panel:

24 The case before the Court is the United States  
25 of America versus Rosaura Munoz De Garcia who is the  
defendant.

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1 Now, I am going to ask the jury panel, the  
2 jurors in the back and the panel seated in the Court  
3 a few questions.

4 If two of these questions are yes you will  
5 raise your hand.

6 Now, are you personally acquainted with the  
7 defendant, if you are please stand?

8 (No response.)

9 THE COURT: Are any of you acquainted with the  
10 defendant or related to her by blood or marriage or  
11 any of your immediate family related to her in any kind  
12 of way?

13 If the answer to that question is yes please  
14 raise your hand.

15 I take it that the answer is no, the defendant  
16 may be seated.

17 Now, her attorney is Mr. Peltz and the attorney  
18 for the United States is Mr. Adlerstein.

19 You may be seated, gentlemen.

20 THE COURT: I will ask the entire panel again,  
21 do you know or are you related by blood or marriage to  
22 counsel for the Government or to counsel for the  
23 defendant?

24 If the answer is yes, please raise your hand?

25 (No response.)

1 THE COURT: And, has anybody on the entire  
2 panel have one of the lawyers in this case acting as  
3 your attorney in any of your cases or any in your  
4 immediate family or close friends, to your knowledge?

5 If the answer is yes, please raise your hand?

6 (No response.)

7 THE COURT: I take it the answer is no.

8 Does anyone in the panel know the U.S. attorney,  
9 David Adlerstein?

10 If you do, please raise your hand?

11 (No response.)

12 THE COURT: Now, the indictment which is before  
13 the Court is in three counts and Count 1 is:

14 On or about the 16th day of November, 1972,  
15 within the Eastern District of New York the defendant  
16 Rosaura Munoz De Garcia knowingly and intentionally  
17 imported approximately four thousand grams of cocaine,  
18 a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance into  
19 the United States of America from Chile in violation  
20 of Title I, U.S. Code 695 281 916 980 (A) (1.)

21 THE COURT: And, count 2 is:

22 On or about the 16th day of November, 1972,  
23 within the Eastern District of New York, the  
24 defendant Rosaura Munoz De Garcia, did knowingly and  
25 intentionally bring and possess, contrary to Title 21,



1 United States Code, Section 955, approximately  
2 four thousand five hundred nineteen grams of cocaine  
3 hydrochloride, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled  
4 substance, on board on aircraft, the said substance  
5 not then being a part of the cargo entered in the  
6 manifest for, or part of the official supplies of,  
7 said aircraft. (Title 21, United States Code,  
8 Section 960(a)(2) and Section 955.)

9 And, Count 3 is:

10 On or about the 16th day of November, 1972,  
11 within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant  
12 Rosaura Munoz De Garcia, did knowingly and intentionally  
13 possess with intent to distribute approximately  
14 4,519 grams of cocaine hydrochloride, a Schedule II  
15 narcotic drug controlled substance. (Title 21, United  
16 States Code, SEction 841(a)(1).)

17 Now, is there anyone here who feels that they  
18 cannot fairly sit and impartially judge as a juror in  
19 this case?

20 If there is anyone, please raise your hand.

21 If there is anything about this case that  
22 causes a problem, please tell me at this time.

23 Mr. Robert Lombardi.

24 MR. LOMBARDI: Yes.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Lombardi: tell us what you do.

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1 MR. LOMBARDI: I am a telephone installer.

2 I install telephones.

3 THE COURT: Who do you work for?

4 MR. LOMBARDI: New York Telephone Company.

5 THE COURT: How long have you worked for the  
6 New York Telephone Company?

7 MR. LOMBARDI: I have worked for the New York  
8 Telephone Company for 12 years.

9 THE COURT: Are you married?

10 MR. LOMBARDI: No.

11 THE COURT: Have you ever been on a grand jury  
12 or on any jury on any court previously?

13 MR. LOMBARDI: Yes.

14 THE COURT: Which court?

15 MR. LOMBARDI: Right here.

16 THE COURT: This criminal court?

17 MR. PELTZ: I didn't hear.

18 THE COURT: He has been on a jury prior to  
19 this case in this court.

20 In a criminal or in a civil case?

21 MR. LOMBARDI: In a civil case.

22 THE COURT: Did the jury deliberate?

23 MR. LOMBARDI: Yes, the jury did deliberate.

24 THE COURT: Now, if a Drug Enforcement agent  
25 were to testify in this case would you consider his



1 testimony the same as you would any other witness  
2 who came before the Court?

3 MR. LOMBARDI: yes.

4 THE COURT: Have you ever had an unfortunate  
5 experience with a police officer?

6 MR. LOMBARDI: No.

7 THE COURT: Now, this involves the drug cocaine,  
8 is there any reason you know of why you cannot sit on  
9 the jury in this case and be a fair and impartial  
10 juror?

11 MR. LOMBARDI: No.

12 THE COURT: Do you feel you can sit and be a  
13 fair and impartial juror?

14 MR. LOMBARDI: Yes.

15 THE COURT: Do you have any close friends or  
16 relatives who are policemen or drug enforcement agents?

17 MR. LOMBARDI: Yes.

18 THE COURT: Will you tell us?

19 MR. LOMBARDI: I have a brother-in-law who is  
20 a police officer.

21 THE COURT: Are you very close to him?

22 MR. LOMBARDI: No.

23 THE COURT: Do you see him often?

24 MR. LOMBARDI: No.

25 THE COURT: Have you read anything in the  
newspapers or magazines which would in any way

1 prejudice you against the woman who is the accused in  
2 this case?

3 MR. LOMBARDI: No.

4 THE COURT: Do you have any bias or prejudice  
5 or preconceived ideas of any kind which will disable  
6 you from sitting fairly as a juror in this case where  
7 the defendant is charged with the importation of  
8 cocaine?

9 MR. LOMBARDI: No.

10 THE COURT: Have you any personal feelings  
11 about the subject matter of this case which would  
12 interfere with your sitting fairly and impartially?

13 MR. LOMBARDI: No.

14 THE COURT: If the defendant should elect to  
15 testify on her own defense she would do so with the  
16 aid of Mr. Barenboim standing up, he is a Spanish  
17 interpreter, would that in any way prejudice you?

18 MR. LOMBARDI: No.

19 THE COURT: Thank you very much.

20 Juror No. 2, Miss or Mrs?

21 JUROR NO. 2: Mrs.

22 THE COURT: And what do you do?

23 JUROR NO. 2: I am a worker at Maimonides.

24 THE COURT: How long have you worked there?  
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AFTERNOON SESSION (2:00 p.m.)

MR. PELTZ: Judge, so the record is clear, I haven't withdrawn my questions, but I am accepting your Honor's denial.

THE COURT: Do you feel that you can judge these people or consider them?

MR. PELTZ: Candidly, I feel --

THE COURT: If I ask someone who is retired, where did you go to school -- ridiculous.

MR. PELTZ: Yes.

THE COURT: I think you get into these questions and people don't like to speak up because somebody is going to feel badly because the person next to them is a college graduate and he only got a sixth grade education in school.

I don't want to get into that type of personal questioning. It is the general background that I want to get but I cannot get into these things.

If you do, people are not happy.

I know you don't care, but I care and I would rather not embarrass people by going into details of their background which aren't necessary for what you are doing.

If you have some who are college graduates and others who are not, it is not that he has two years

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1 of education and the other has 20 years of education.  
2 This is why I did not go into it.

3 What do you have to say?

4 MR. PELTZ: I appreciate your Honor's position  
5 and I can see where it could be ticklish.

6 THE COURT: That is why I don't go into education  
7 like that.

8 MR. PELTZ: A lot of questions of the jury do  
9 appear to be prying and personal occasionally, and  
10 embarrassing. But, I remember a witness where we  
11 did not know the juror was illiterate until after the  
12 panel was selected.

13 THE COURT: Isn't the defendant entitled to a  
14 fair cross-section of his peers?

15 If the defendant is illiterate --

16 MR. PELTZ: That very well may be.

17 THE COURT: The Government is first.

18 MR. PELTZ: O.K.

19 MR. ADLERSTEIN: Number four, your Honor.

20 MR. PELTZ: I will take Number 7 and Number 12.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 (Sidebar concluded.)

23 THE COURT: Number 4 and Number 7 and Number 12  
24 return downstairs to the jury room, please.

25 Thank you.

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# CHARGE OF THE COURT

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1 Exhibit 3.

2 (Documents referred to were received and  
3 marked Court's Exhibits 2 and 3 respectively.)

4 THE COURT: Okay, thank you.

5 Bring in the jury.

6 (Jury enters courtroom at 10:47 a.m.)

7 THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen,  
8 at this time I will give you the Court's charge in  
9 this case.

10 Mr. Foreman and ladies and gentlemen of the  
11 jury, we come now to the final stage of the proceedings.  
12 The Court will now charge you on the law to be  
13 applied to the facts in the case.

14 As you may recall, I initially gave you a  
15 pre-charge as to the manner in which the case would  
16 be presented to you. I told you that most of the  
17 evidence in the case would come in the form of the  
18 testimony of witnesses, and that you would pay  
19 special attention to the manner in which the witnesses  
20 testified.

21 I believe I also instructed you that you would  
22 be the judges of the facts in the case, that being  
23 your sole provence, and that your recollection of  
24 the facts after having heard all of the evidence in  
25 the case -- the testimony of witnesses and the

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2 documentary proof -- was to control the determination  
3 of the issues.

4 Likewise at that time I told you that I would  
5 be the judge of the law. This has not changed at  
6 this stage of the proceedings. I will not review  
7 the facts in this case to you because I am certain  
8 that with summations by the attorneys there is no  
9 need for the Court to review the facts. In any  
10 event, if you find that there is some fact that you  
11 may have forgotten or don't recollect, or you can't  
12 agree with each other in your deliberations, you can  
13 have it read back from the record, and that will,  
14 I am sure, refresh your memory.

15 In any event, I am the judge of the law. You  
16 must accept what I say to be the law in this case.

17 Now, the attorneys have been permitted by  
18 the Court and by the rules to make opening statements  
19 and summations to you. Under no circumstances are  
20 the statements they have made by way of opening or  
21 by way of summation to be taken as evidence. However,  
22 the Court and the law does permit you to take the  
23 arguments that they have proffered before you and  
24 weigh those arguments. And if you agree with what  
25 they have said on either side of the case, you may

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2 use those arguments in your deliberations and in  
3 discussing the case with each other, and try to  
4 convince one another as to what the final determina-  
5 tion shall be with reference to the deliberations at  
6 hand.

7 If you feel that the arguments are not  
8 commensurate with the testimony and the proof in the  
9 case, you may disregard them. The arguments are not  
10 evidence. You need not weigh them. However, there  
11 are times when the arguments of the attorneys will  
12 give you an insight as to something you may have  
13 missed, and you may discuss that portion of it if  
14 you so desire.

15 Now, of course, I also said to you that during  
16 the trial the Court would be the judge of the law.  
17 Likewise, as to motions which at times we had at a  
18 sidebar, as you may recall. That was not for the  
19 purpose of keeping any of the proof from you, but were  
20 matters of law that were discussed between the attorneys  
21 and the court itself and should not have come before  
22 you. In any event, if you feel that you have  
23 discovered by some stretch of your imagination what  
24 this Court thinks as to either some of the testimony  
25 or the case itself, you should remove that from your

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2 mind because I tell you here and now I have come to  
3 no conclusion in this case nor have I indicated to  
4 you in any way whatsoever what my feeling is in  
5 reference to the facts in the case or with reference  
6 to the guilt or innocence of the defendants. That  
7 is your province and your job. You should not try  
8 to weigh what you believe the Court's impression may  
9 be.

10 You must understand that the lawyers who  
11 appear before you are advocates. They are advocating  
12 the best case they can for the parties they represent,  
13 and they have a right to exercise as much forcefulness  
14 as they desire in their questioning or otherwise in  
15 presenting their case. I saw this because this  
16 is within the framework of the ordinary trial.

17 Of course you know by this time that this  
18 case has come before you by way of an indictment  
19 presented by a Grand Jury sitting in this Eastern  
20 District. That indictment charges the defendant  
21 with the two counts I shall now read to you.

22 Remember, the indictment is merely an accusation,  
23 merely a piece of paper. It is not evidence and is  
24 not proof of anything.

25 In determining the facts, the jury is reminded



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2 that before each member was accepted and sworn to  
3 act as a juror, he was asked questions regarding  
4 his competency, qualifications, fairness and freedom  
5 from prejudice or sympathy. On the faith of those  
6 answers the jury was accepted by the parties.  
7 Therefore, those answers are as binding on each of  
8 the jurors now as they were then and should remain  
9 so until the jury is discharged from consideration  
10 of this case.

11 You cannot decide that you do not like the  
12 sections of the law that I will quote to you or any  
13 other part of the charge. You have the obligation  
14 of accepting the law as I charge it, just as I have  
15 the obligation of accepting your findings of fact  
16 in your ultimate verdict as to the guilt or innocence  
17 of each defendant as to each charge.

18 It lends for predictability and stability if  
19 Judges throughout the country in types of charges  
20 such as this, charge uniformly or substantially so,  
21 and that juries accept it. It would be unfair for  
22 you to decide this case on your own notions on what  
23 the law should be, and another jury decided on their  
24 own notions on what the law should be.

25 That is why the obligation is a firm one and

one that you should understand.

Now, the indictment, count 1 reads:

"On or about the 16th day of November 1972 within the Eastern District of New York the defendant Rosaura Monoz De Garcia did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 4,519 grams of cocaine hydro chloride, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance into the United States from Chile in violation of Title 21 United States Code Section 952 (a) and Title 1 United States Code Section 960 (a) (1) and 952 (a)."

The other count which is count 3 of this indictment reads that:

"On or about the 16th day of November within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant Rosaura Munoz De Garcia did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute approximately 4,519 grams of cocaine hydro chloride, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance. This is in violation of 21 United States Code Section 841(a)(1)."

When you go into the jury room to deliberate I will let you take with you the two counts of the indictment which you are to deliberate on and you can use those in your deliberations.



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2 Now, Count 1 of the indictment is based on  
3 21 United States Code Section 952(a) and 21 United  
4 States Code Section 960(a)(1). Title 21 Section  
5 952(a) of the United States Code reads in part as  
6 follows:

7 "It shall be unlawful to import into the  
8 Customs territory of the United States (but within  
9 the United States), or import into the United States  
10 from any place outside thereof, any controlled substance  
11 in Schedule I or Schedule II of subchapter 1 of this  
12 chapter, or any narcotic drug in Schedule III, IV or V  
13 of subchapter 1 of this chapter."

14 You are instructed as a matter of law that  
15 cocaine hydrochloride is a Schedule II narcotic  
16 drug controlled substance.

17 Title 21 of the United States Section 960(a)(1)  
18 sets out the penalty for the Title 21 United  
19 States Code Section 952(a). The jury need not  
20 concern itself with the penalty. That is the  
21 exclusive province of the Court.

22 The essential elements of count 1, each of  
23 which the Government must prove beyond a reasonable  
24 doubt are:  
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2 First, that on or about November 16, 1972 the  
3 defendant brought a quantity of cocaine hydro chloride  
4 into the United States from abroad.

5 And, second, that the defendant knew that the  
6 substance that she was bringing into the United  
7 States was cocaine hydro chloride or some other  
8 illicit drug.

9 And, third, that the defendant understood that  
10 she was acting illegally.

11 I stated before, the burden is always on the  
12 Government to prove beyond a reasonable doubt  
13 every essential element of the crime as charged.  
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Count 2 of the indictment is based upon -- that should be count 3. Count 2 you are not to consider. It is not part of the case which you are to consider in any fashion at all.

Count 3 of the indictment is based on Title 21 of the United States Code Section 841(a)(1) which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance ..."

You are instructed as a matter of law that cocaine is a controlled substance. Count 3 of the indictment charges that the defendant, Rosaura Munoz De Garcia, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

The essential elements of this offense, each of which the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt are:

First: That the defendant, Rosaura Munoz De Garcia, possessed cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance on or about the 16th day of November 1972; and

Second: That the defendant Rosaura Munoz

De Garcia, did so possess with a specific intent to distribute cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance; and

Third: That the defendant, Rosaura Munoz De Garcia, did so knowingly and intentionally.

As stated before, the burden is always on the Government to prove beyond a reasonable doubt every essential element of the crime charged.

Bear in mind the following definitions in considering the essential elements of the crimes charged.

"Possession:"

The law recognizes two kinds of possession: Actual possession and constructive possession. A person who knowingly has direct physical control over a thing, at a given time, is then in actual possession of it.

A person who, although not in actual possession, knowingly has the power and the intention, at a given time, to exercise dominion or control over a thing, either directly or through another person or persons, is then in constructive possession of it.

You may find that the element of possession as that term is used in these instructions is present



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2 if you find beyond a reasonable doubt that the  
3 defendant had actual or constructive possession.

4 "Knowingly:" An act is done knowingly if  
5 done voluntarily and intentionally, and not because  
6 of mistake or accident or other innocent reason.

7 The purpose of adding the word "knowingly"  
8 was to ensure that no one would be convicted for an  
9 act done because of mistake, or accident, or other  
10 innocent reason.

11 "Importation" defined:

12 "Importation" is defined as the act of  
13 bringing goods and merchandise into the country from  
14 a foreign country.

15 Definition of specific intent:

16 The offense charged in count 3 in this case,  
17 to wit, that the defendant Rosaura Munoz De Garcia  
18 did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent  
19 to distribute cocaine, a Schedule II controlled  
20 substance, is a serious offense which requires proof  
21 of specific intent before a defendant can be  
22 convicted.

23 Specific intent, as the terms implies, means  
24 more than the general intent to commit the act. To  
25 establish specific intent, the Government must prove

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2 that the defendant knowingly did an act which the  
3 law forbids, purposely intending to violate the law.  
4 Such intent may be determined from all the facts and  
5 circumstances surrounding the case.

6 Intent ordinarily may not be proved directly  
7 because there is no way of fathoming or scrutinizing  
8 the operations of the human mind. But you may  
9 infer the defendant's intent from the surrounding  
10 circumstances.

11 You may consider any statement made and act  
12 done or omitted by a defendant, and all of the facts  
13 and circumstances in evidence which indicates his  
14 state of mind. It is ordinarily reasonable to infer  
15 that a person intends the natural and probable  
16 consequences of acts knowingly done or knowingly  
17 omitted.

18 Where a defendant has offered evidence of good  
19 general reputation for truth and veracity, or  
20 honesty and integrity, or as a law-abiding citizen,  
21 the jury should consider such evidence along with  
22 all the other evidence in the case.

23 Evidence of a defendant's reputation,  
24 inconsistent with those traits of character ordinarily  
25 involved in the commission of the crime charged may



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2 give rise to a reasonable doubt, since the jury may  
3 think it improbable that a person of good character  
4 in respect to those traits would commit such a crime.  
5 When you weigh the testimony of the witnesses you  
6 can consider their relationship to the Government or  
7 to the defendant. You can consider their bias or  
8 interest in the outcome of the case. And the  
9 Government officer who worked on a case has some  
10 interest in seeing that the outcome is one of guilt.  
11 You are not to give greater weight of credibility  
12 to the testimony of a witness simply because of the  
13 fact that he is a Government agent.

14 You may evaluate the testimony of a policeman  
15 or agent in the same you evaluate the testimony of  
16 any other witness.

17 A defendant who wishes to testify is a  
18 competent witness. And the defendant's testimony is  
19 to be judged in the same way as that of any other  
20 witness. In evaluating the testimony of the  
21 defendant you can consider the personal interest  
22 she has and the result of the case and apply all the  
23 other tests of credibility that you use in judging  
24 other witnesses.

25 If it is peculiarly within the power of either

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2 the prosecution . or the defense to produ a  
3 witness who could give material testimony on an issue  
4 of the case, failure to call that witness may give  
5 rise to an inference that his testimony would be  
6 unfavorable to that party.

7 However, no such conclusion should be drawn  
8 by you with regard to a witness who is equally  
9 available to both parties, or where the witness'  
10 testimony would be merely cumulative.

11 The jury will always bear in mind that the  
12 law never imposes on a defendant in a criminal case  
13 the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or  
14 producing evidence.

15 Conduct of a defendant, including statements  
16 made and acts knowingly done, upon being informed  
17 that a crime has been committed, or upon being con-  
18 fronted with a criminal charge, may be considered by  
19 the jury in the light of all other evidence in the  
20 case in determining the guilt or innocence.

21 When a defendant voluntarily and intentionally  
22 offers an explanation or makes some statement  
23 intending to show her innocence, and this explanation  
24 or statement is later shown to be false, the jury  
25 may consider whether this circumstantial evidence



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2 points to a consciousness of guilt. Whether or not  
3 evidence to the defendant's voluntary explanation or  
4 statement pointing<sup>s</sup> to consciousness of guilt, and  
5 the significance to be attached to any such evidence,  
6 are matters exclusively within the province of the  
7 jury.

8 A statement or an act is knowingly made or  
9 done if made or done voluntarily and intentionally  
10 and not because of mistake, or accident, or other  
11 innocent reason.

12 The jury will always bear in mind that the  
13 law never imposes upon a defendant in a criminal  
14 case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or  
15 producing any evidence.

16 A defendant who wishes to testify is a  
17 competent witness. And her testimony should not  
18 be disbelieved merely because she is the defendant.  
19 However, in weighing her testimony you may consider  
20 the fact that the defendant has vital interests in  
21 the outcome of this case.

22 It is obvious, that is, to both counsel, that  
23 the critical question is whether the defendant  
24 Mrs. De Garcia knew she had cocaine. And actual  
25 knowledge that the defendant was bringing or importing

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2 cocaine into the country is an essential element  
3 of each of the offenses charged. You may not find  
4 the defendant guilty of any count unless you find  
5 beyond a reasonable doubt that she knew she was  
6 importing or bringing cocaine into the country.

7 The fact of knowledge may be established by  
8 direct or circumstantial evidence just as any other  
9 fact in the case. Knowledge may be proven by the  
10 defendant's conduct since we have no way of looking  
11 into a person's mind directly. The defendant has  
12 flatly testified that she had no such knowledge.  
13 Now in this connection bear in mind that one may not  
14 wilfully and intentionally remain ignorant of a  
15 fact important and material to her conduct in order  
16 to escape the consequences of the criminal law.

17 If you find from all the evidence beyond a  
18 reasonable doubt, that the defendant believed she  
19 had cocaine and deliberately and consciously tried  
20 to avoid learning that there was cocaine in the  
21 baggage she was carrying in order to be able to say,  
22 should she be apprehended, that she didn't know, you  
23 must treat this avoidance of positive knowledge as  
24 the equivalent of knowledge. In other words, you  
25 may find the defendant acted knowingly if you find



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2 that either she actually knew she had cocaine or she  
3 deliberately closed her eyes to what she had every  
4 reason to believe was the fact.

5 I should like to emphasize, ladies and gentle-  
6 men, that requisite knowledge cannot be established  
7 by demonstrating merely negligence or even foolishness  
8 on the part of the defendant.

9 I might say to you at this point that counsel  
10 for the Government and counsel for the defendant have  
11 agreed that as to value of Escudos from Chile, that  
12 12.23 Escudos were equal to 1 United States dollar in  
13 1972. You may use that information in connection  
14 with your deliberations.

15 Of course, we have had here in court all of  
16 the evidence that was introduced by both sides.  
17 Some of this evidence was introduced by the defendant  
18 and that has been marked defendant's exhibits. These  
19 are the exhibits that are in evidence. When you go  
20 into the jury room for your deliberations the clerk  
21 will give them to the jury so that the jury may use  
22 them during their deliberations. You may also take  
23 the two valises in there with you, the two pieces of  
24 luggage. You may examine them. The only item  
25 that is not here, as you may know, is the cocaine.

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2 Of course there is a chemist's report here.  
3 It shows the purity. It shows the quantity of cocaine.  
4 And you will have that during your deliberations.  
5 If for any reason there should be any need to see the  
6 cocaine, it can be brought to court to be before the  
7 jury. But I think the jury has seen it and possibly  
8 you may not need to see it again.  
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2 You will take all of the evidence into the jury  
3 room for your deliberations.

4 Now, as to reasonable doubt. There are, in any  
5 case and in this one, two types of evidence from which  
6 a jury may properly find a defendant guilty of a  
7 crime. One is direct evidence such as testimony of an  
8 eye-witness and the other is circumstantial evidence  
9 which is proof of a chain of facts and circumstances  
10 pointing to the commission of the offense.

11 As a general rule, the law makes no distinction  
12 between direct and circumstantial evidence but simply  
13 requires that before convicting a defendant the jury  
14 must be satisfied of the defendant's guilt beyond a  
15 reasonable doubt from all the evidence in the case.

16 A defendant is presumed innocent of a crime.  
17 Thus, the defendant, although accused begins the trial  
18 with a clean slate and with no evidence against her  
19 and the law permits nothing but legal evidence to be  
20 presented before a jury to be considered in support of  
21 any charge against the accused. So that the presump-  
22 tion of innocence alone is sufficient to acquit a  
23 defendant unless you the jury are satisfied beyond  
24 a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt after  
25 careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence

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in the case.

It is not required that the Government prove guilt beyond all possible doubt. The test is one of reasonable doubt and reasonable doubt is doubt based upon reason and common sense. It is the kind of doubt that would make a reasonable person hesitate to act.

Proof beyond a reasonable doubt must therefore be proof of such a convincing character that you would be willing to rely and act upon it unhesitatingly in the most important of your own affairs.

You the jury will remember that a defendant is never to be convicted on mere suspicion or conjecture. The burden is always on the prosecution to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The burden never shifts to a defendant. The law never imposes upon a defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence.

A reasonable doubt exists whenever, after careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence in the case, the jurors do not feel convinced to a moral certainty that a defendant is guilty of the charge. So, if the jury viewed the evidence in the case as reasonably permitting either of two conclusions,



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2 one of innocence and the other of guilt, you the jury  
3 should of course, adopt the conclusion of innocence.

4 I have said that the defendant may be proven  
5 guilty either by direct or circumstantial evidence.  
6 I have said that direct evidence is the testimony of  
7 one who asserts actual knowledge of a fact such as an  
8 eyewitness. Circumstantial evidence is proof of a  
9 chain of facts and circumstances indicating the guilt  
10 or innocence of a defendant.

11 You the jury may make conclusions and  
12 inferences from the proven facts. It is not necessary  
13 that all inferences be drawn from the facts and  
14 evidence consistent only with guilt and inconsistent  
15 with every reasonable hypothesis of innocence. The  
16 test is one of reasonable doubt and should be based  
17 upon all the evidence, the testimony of the witnesses,  
18 the documents offered as to evidence and the  
19 reasonable inferences which can be drawn from the  
20 proven facts.

21 An inference is a deduction or conclusion  
22 which reason and common sense lead the jury to draw  
23 from the facts which have been proved.

24 You are to consider only the evidence in the  
25 case but in your consideration of the evidence you are  
not limited to the bald facts of the witnesses. On the

## Charge of the Court

contrary, you are permitted to draw from the facts which you find have been proved such reasonable inferences as seem justified in the light of your own experience.

A reasonable doubt may arise not only from the evidence produced but also from a lack of evidence.

Since the burden is upon the prosecution to prove the accused guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of every essential element of the crime charged a defendant has the right to rely upon the failure of the prosecution to establish such proof.

Proof of knowledge and intent: Knowledge and intent exist in the mind. Since it is not possible to look into a woman's mind to see what went on, the only way you have for arriving at a decision in these questions is for you to take into consideration all the facts and circumstances shown by the evidence, including the exhibits, and to determine from all such facts and circumstances whether the requisite knowledge and intent were present at the time in question. Direct proof is unnecessary. Knowledge and intent may be inferred from all the surrounding circumstances.

As far as intent is concerned, you are instructed that a person is presumed to intend the natural



and probable, or ordinary, consequences of his acts.

Credibility of witnesses: You as jurors are the sole judges of the credibility of the witnesses and the weight their testimony deserves, and it goes without saying that you should scrutinize all the testimony given, the circumstances under which each witness has testified, and every matter in evidence which tends to show whether a witness is worthy of belief. Consider each witness' intelligence, motive and state of mind, and his or her demeanor and manner while on the stand. Consider the witness' ability to observe the matters as to which he or she has testified and whether he or she impresses you as having an accurate recollection of these matters. Consider also any relation each witness may bear to either side of the case; the manner in which each witness might be affected by the verdict; and the extent to which, if at all, each witness is either supported or contradicted by other evidence in the case.

Inconsistencies or discrepancies in the testimony of a witness, or between the testimony of different witnesses, may or may not cause the jury to discredit such testimony. Two or more persons witnessing an incident or a transaction may see or hear it differently;

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2 and innocent misrecollection, like failure of recol-  
3 lection, is not an uncommon experience.

4 In weighing the effect of a discrepancy, always  
5 consider whether it pertains to a matter of importance  
6 or an unimportant detail, and whether the discrepancy  
7 results from innocent error or intentional falsehood.

8 After making your own judgment, you will give  
9 the testimony of each witness such credibility, if  
10 any, as you may think it deserves. Another test that  
11 you can use in determining the truthfulness or credi-  
12 bility of a witness is to use your own good common  
13 sense in addition to these essentials that I have  
14 given you. You can use your good common sense as you  
15 do in your everyday experience where you must make  
16 important decisions based upon what others tell you.  
17 When you decide to either accept or ignore the state-  
18 ments of others you use your common sense. Your good  
19 judgment will say to you somehow or other that whatever  
20 they say does not appear to be truthful, that somehow  
21 or other you just do not believe what they have said.  
22 That is your ability to reason, your ability to  
23 determine the truthfulness of the person you are  
24 speaking with. Likewise, your common sense should be  
25 used to determine the weight to be given the testimony



## Charge of the Court

of a witness.

You take that same good common sense into the jury room, you do not leave it outside. In addition to what I have said, use your common sense as a test in exercising your good judgment and in determining whether or not this defendant is guilty of the crimes charged. It is for you to determine whether the witnesses in this case have testified truthfully, whether or not they have an interest in the case, what that interest may be and how great it is and whether or not they have told you falsehoods. This is all for you to determine.

Every witness' testimony must be weighed as to its truthfulness. If you find any witness lied as to any material fact in the case then the law gives you certain privileges. One of those privileges is that you have the right to disregard the entire testimony of that witness. If you find, however, that you can sift through that testimony and determine which of the testimony is true and which was false, then the law allows you to take the portions which were true and weigh it and disregard those portions which were false. That again is within your prerogative.

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2 The weight of the evidence is not necessarily  
3 determined by the number of witnesses testifying on  
4 either side. You should consider all the facts and  
5 circumstances in evidence to determine which of the  
6 witnesses are worthy of greater credence. You may  
7 find that the testimony of a small number of witnesses  
8 on one side is more credible than the testimony of  
9 a greater number of witnesses on the other side.

10 You are not obliged to accept testimony, even  
11 though the testimony is uncontradicted and the witness  
12 is not impeached. You may decide, because of the  
13 witness' bearing and demeanor, or because of the  
14 inherent improbability of his testimony, or for other  
15 reasons sufficient to you, that such testimony is not  
16 worthy of belief.

17 The Government is not required to prove the  
18 essential elements of the offense as defined in these  
19 instructions by any particular number of witnesses.  
20 The testimony of a single witness may be sufficient  
21 to convince you beyond a reasonable doubt of the  
22 existence of an essential element of the offense  
23 charged, if you believe beyond a reasonable doubt that  
24 the witness is telling the truth.

25 When a defendant in a case of this kind takes



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2 the stand, which she has a perfect right to do, she  
3 is subjected to all the obligations of witnesses, and  
4 her testimony is to be treated like the testimony of  
5 any other witnesses; that is to say, it will be for  
6 you to say, remembering the substance of her testimony,  
7 the manner in which she gave it, her cross-examination,  
8 and everything else in the case, whether or not she  
9 told the truth. Then, again, it is for you to remember  
10 and you have a perfect right to do so, the interest  
11 the defendant has in the case. As she places herself  
12 as a witness, she stands like any other witness.

13 Evidence that at some other time a witness,  
14 other than the accused, has said or done something,  
15 or has failed to say or do something, which is incon-  
16 sistent with the witness' testimony at the trial, may  
17 be considered by the jury for the sole purpose of  
18 judging the credibility of the witness; but may never  
19 be considered as evidence or proof of the truth of  
20 any such statement.

21 Where a witness is a defendant on trial in the  
22 case and, by such statements or other conduct, the  
23 defendant admits some fact against her interest, then  
24 the statement or other conduct, if knowingly made or  
25 done, may be considered as evidence of the truth of

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2 the fact so admitted, as well as for the purpose of  
3 judging the credibility of the defendant as a witness.

4 An act or omission is "knowingly" done, if  
5 done voluntarily and intentionally, and not because  
6 of mistake or accident or other innocent  
7 reason.

8 Character evidence -- reputation of defendant:  
9 Where a defendant has offered evidence of good general  
10 reputation for truth and veracity, or honesty and  
11 integrity, or as a law-abiding citizen, the jury should  
12 consider such evidence along with all the other  
13 evidence in the case.

14 Evidence that a defendant's reputation for truth  
15 and veracity, or honesty and integrity, or as a law-  
16 abiding citizen, has not been discussed; or that those  
17 traits of the defendant's character have not been  
18 questioned, may be sufficient to warrant an inference  
19 of good reputation as to those traits of character.

20 Evidence of a defendant's reputation, inconsis-  
21 tent with those traits of character ordinarily involved  
22 in the commission of the crime charged may give rise  
23 to a reasonable doubt, since the jury may think it  
24 improbably that a person of good character in respect  
25 to those traits would commit such a crime.



The jury will always bear in mind that the law never imposes upon a defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence.

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## Charge of the Court

THE COURT (continuing): Judging the evidence:

There is nothing peculiarly different in the way a jury should consider the evidence in a criminal case from that in which all reasonable persons treat any question depending upon evidence presented to them. You are expected to use your good common sense; consider the evidence in the case for only those purposes for which it has been admitted, and give it a reasonable and fair construction, in the light of your common knowledge of the natural tendencies and inclinations of human beings.

If an accused be proved guilty beyond reasonable doubt, say so. If not so proved guilty, say so.

Keep constantly in mind that it would be a violation of your sworn duty to base a verdict of guilty upon anything other than the evidence in the case; and remember as well that the law never imposes upon a defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence.

The jury's recollection controls: If any reference by the Court or by counsel to matters of evidence does not coincide with your own recollection,

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it is your recollection which should control during your deliberations.

## Punishment:

Now, under your oath as jurors you cannot allow a consideration of the punishment which may be inflicted upon the defendant, if convicted, to influence your verdict in any way or in any sense enter into your deliberations.

The duty of imposing sentence rests exclusively upon the Court. Your function is to weigh the evidence in the case and to determine the guilt or innocence of the defendant solely upon the basis of such evidence and the law.

You are to decide the case upon the evidence, and the evidence alone, and you must not be influenced by any assumption, conjecture, or sympathy, or any inference not warranted by the facts until proven to your satisfaction.

You are to exclude sympathy. In reaching your verdict, you are not to be affected by sympathy for any of the parties, what the reaction of the parties or of the public to your verdict may be, whether it will please or displease anyone, be popular or unpopular or, indeed, any consideration

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2 outside the case as it has been presented to you in  
3 this courtroom. You should consider only the  
4 evidence -- both the testimony and the exhibits --  
5 find the facts from what you consider to be the  
6 believable evidence, and apply the law as I now give  
7 it to you to those facts. Your verdict will be  
8 determined by the conclusion thus reached, no matter  
9 whom the verdict helps or hurts.

10 Now, in this type of case there must be a  
11 unanimous verdict, that means all twelve of you must  
12 agree, and it goes without saying that it becomes  
13 incumbent upon you to listen to one another and to  
14 argue out the points among yourselves in order to  
15 determine in good conscience whether your fellow  
16 jurors' argument is one commensurate with yours or  
17 whether at least you can, with good conscience, agree  
18 with him. You have no right to stubbornly and idly  
19 sit by and say, "I am not talking to anyone, I am not  
20 going to discuss it," because people with common  
21 sense and the ability to reason must communicate,  
22 they must communicate their thoughts. So, anything  
23 which appears in the record and about which one of  
24 you may not agree -- talk it out amongst yourselves  
25 and then if you can't agree as to what is in the

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## Charge of the Court

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2 record, well, you can ask the Court to have that  
3 portion of the testimony read back to you. You may  
4 do so by knocking on the door and giving a note in  
5 writing to the Clerk who will then present it to  
6 the Court, and I will then bring you into the court-  
7 room.

8 The alternates will not deliberate in this  
9 case with the jury, so they are discharged from this  
10 case with the thanks of the Court.

11 Alternates one and two, when the jury, or  
12 before the jury gets up, you will go back and take  
13 your things and report to the Central Jury Room and  
14 lunch, I believe, has been ordered for the alternates  
15 too, so you may have lunch.

16 The Foreman will preside over your delibera-  
17 tions, and will be your spokesman here in Court.

18 In reporting your verdict to the Court, you  
19 will state as to Count One of the indictment, "Not  
20 guilty" or "Guilty" and as to Count Three of the  
21 indictment, "Not Guilty" or "Guilty". This is the  
22 way you will report it to the Court, in that fashion.

23 I will see the attorneys at the side.

24 (Side-bar discussion between Court and  
25 counsel as follows:)

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1 THE COURT: Any exceptions to the charge?

2 MR. PELTZ: Yes, Judge.

3 Although I think it is one of the most easy  
4 to understand charges I have ever heard, I must  
5 object to a couple of things.

6 The defendant objects to the Court giving the  
7 indictment to the jury, particularly in as much as  
8 it contains a dismissed count, Count Two.

9 THE COURT: I will take it out.

10 MR. PELTZ: The defendant objects to the  
11 fact that reference was made to Counts One and Three  
12 when they are only getting two counts.

13 Now, I think this came from Government's  
14 request number three with respect to explanation --

15 THE COURT: Number three of the Government's  
16 request to charge?

17 MR. PELTZ: I think it came from that.

18 THE COURT: I left it out at your request and  
19 I want to say for the record that number three was  
20 left out at your request.

21 MR. PELTZ: Something about an explanation of  
22 a statement later shown to be false.

23 THE COURT: It may be number one.

24 Number three was left out at your request and  
25 I state that for the record.

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1 MR. PELTZ: It was something about an  
2 explanation or statement later shown to be false.

3 THE COURT: That is number one.

4 We went over these and I said I would give it.

5 MR. PELTZ: Your Honor, I don't know -- I  
6 know the gentleman who came in as a Marshal shortly  
7 after the charge, but as to the woman -- if she is  
8 sworn to look after the jury, I have no objection.

9 THE COURT: Which woman?

10 THE LAW CLERK: They are both Marshals.

11 MR. PELTZ: Fine. I was very much concerned.

12 THE COURT: I didn't see them.

13 THE LAW CLERK: They are both Marshals.

14 MR. PELTZ: All right. If she is not going  
15 with the jury, then I feel the jury will get the  
16 impression that the woman came to take my client away.

17 THE COURT: Why do we need an explanation?  
18 You know she is a Marshal.

19 MR. PELTZ: All right.

20 I don't think I heard your Honor cover  
21 defendant's request number two.

22 THE LAW CLERK: It is certainly in there.

23 THE COURT: Yes, it is incorporated.

24 MR. PELTZ: Then I missed it.

25 If defendant's number six was not included,

1 your Honor --

2 THE COURT: I did three pages on reasonable  
3 doubt.

4 THE LAW CLERK: And every essential element  
5 of the crime. I must have heard it eight times.

6 THE COURT: Number six you have one paragraph  
7 and I gave you three pages.

8 Now, are you talking about the lady sitting  
9 right in back? She is a United States Marshal.

10 MR. PELTZ: Good.

11 My fear was that if she didn't go with the  
12 jury, they would be left with the impression that you  
13 decided they are going to convict and she was here  
14 to take her away.

15 THE COURT: Anything else?

16 MR. PELTZ: No.

17 Your Honor, I never put this on the record  
18 before for fear of spoiling an appeal and in this  
19 case I hope there is no appeal, but I want to say  
20 for the record that this is one of the clearest  
21 charges I have ever heard.

22 THE COURT: Thank you.

23 MR. ADLERSTEIN: The Government has no  
24 objections to any part of the charge.

25 (Conclusion of side-bar discussion.)



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NOTICE OF MOTION

-against-

72 CR 1300

ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA,

Defendant.

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S I R :

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned will move this Court to be held by the Hon. HENRY BRAMWELL, U.S.D.J., at a time and place to be fixed by the Court for a new trial pursuant to Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure in the interest of justice and based on newly discovered evidence which was suppressed by the prosecution, and for such other and further relief as law and justice require.

DATED: Brooklyn, New York  
June 27, 1975

Yours, etc.

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TO:

HON. HENRY BRAMWELL  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
David G. Trager  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of New York

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ATTORNEY'S AFFIDAVIT

-against-

72 CR 1300

ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA,

Defendant.

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STATE OF NEW YORK )

: SS.:

COUNTY OF KINGS )

PHILIP PELTZ, being duly sworn, deposes:

1. That deponent is the attorney for the defendant having been assigned by Hon. HENRY BRAMWELL, U.S.D.J., on June 20 1975 and respectfully submits this affidavit in support of the annexed notice of motion.

2. On June 20, 1975 defendant was sentenced to a term of five (5) years imprisonment, plus a special parole term of five (5) years after having been found guilty by a jury on May 8, 1975. The gravamen of the charges against defendant were that she knowingly carried into the United States approximately ten (10) pounds of cocaine secreted in two (2) suitcases. Defendant contended that she did not have knowledge that the cocaine was contained and concealed in the false tops and bottoms of the suitcases she claimed to have innocently used. The crime is alleged to have taken place on or about November 16, 1972.

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3. From the date of the arrest of defendant until the trial and presumably to this time, the suitcases in question and the cocaine have been continuously under the control and in the custody of the Government. It is alleged that on March 5, 1975 agents of the Government discovered an additional three (3) pounds of cocaine secreted in the suitcases. This new evidence was never disclosed to defendant or her counsel and was in fact suppressed. Only on June 20, 1975, upon reading the pre-sentence report did your deponent become aware of the fact of the discovery of the additional three (3) pounds of cocaine by Government agents.

4. Under the circumstances of this case, where the jury concluded that the defendant either knew or must have known that ten (10) pounds of contraband had been secreted in the suitcases, it would appear that the fact that three (3) pounds of cocaine had defied detection by trained Government agents who had had the suitcases in their custody for years, might very well have caused the jury to reach a different conclusion. Would not the fact that all of these Government specially-trained people had completely failed to detect three (3) pounds of drugs during the period of time and under the conditions prevailing have affected the judgment of the jury?

5. It is respectfully submitted that the judgment of conviction should be vacated and either the indictment dismissed or a new trial required it being apparent that had this evidence not been suppressed by the Government a jury in all likelihood would have expressed a reasonable doubt and a conviction would have been avoided.

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PHILIP PELTZ

Sworn to before me this

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

72 CR 1300

ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA,

Defendant.

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GOVERNMENT'S MEMORANDUM IN  
OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S  
MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL.

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FACTS

After a four day jury trial held before the Court from May 5 through May 8, 1975, the defendant Rosaura Munoz DeGarcia was found guilty of importing approximately ten (10) pounds of cocaine into the United States, 21 U.S.C. §952(a), and of possessing the same ten (10) pounds with intent to distribute it, 21 U.S.C. §841(a)(1). The defendant is presently serving the term of imprisonment for five years imposed by the Court on June 20, 1975. A notice of appeal has been filed and the Court of Appeals has set August 14, 1975 and September 10, 1975 as the dates defendant's and Government's briefs are due respectively.

Defendant now moves for an order vacating the judgment of conviction entered on June 20, 1975 and requiring that a new trial be held pursuant to Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

In an affidavit filed with defendant's motion papers, the defense attorney Phillip Peltz alleges that the Government "suppressed" the existence of an additional quantity of cocaine, such "suppression" constituting a denial of an opportunity for the defense to argue that Government agents had failed to detect some of the cocaine Mrs. DeGarcia carried

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into the United States. The Government, through the following discussion, will show that the defense allegations are farfetched and that the defense motion is groundless in law.

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I. The Government did not  
suppress the additional  
cocaine.

The Government has filed, with this memorandum, an affidavit of John Fish, a Special Agent of the United States Customs Service. The affidavit details the instructions given to Agent Fish by the United States Attorney's Office whereby an expert retained by the defense examined both suitcases at Customs headquarters shortly before the day the trial began. In addition, as the Court is well aware, the suitcases were introduced into evidence early in the trial.

Further, the Assistant United States Attorney who prosecuted the case explicitly stated on the record at an early stage of the trial:

"One other thing I would like to call your Honor's attention to is the fact that in one of the suitcases there very well may be some cocaine still there in one of the secret compartments of the suitcase. I just wanted to call it to the Court's attention."  
(Proceedings of May 5, 1975, page 41, lines 19-24.)

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The Government submits that any obligation to disclose the presence of additional material in one of the suitcases, which was not determined to be cocaine until after the conclusion of the trial, was fully met by these disclosures.

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II. The additional cocaine  
was not "Brady" material.

Though the defense does not, in motion papers, mention Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), the Government presumes that the instant motion is predicated on an argument that the Government failed to abide by the Brady requirement that evidence favorable to an accused be turned over to the defense. The Government submits that the additional cocaine eventually found in one of the suitcases, was not material which could be deemed to have been potentially favorable to the defense. The fact that the quantity of cocaine imported was actually larger than the amount for which the defendant was charged could only have dramatized the seriousness of the crime, the large market value of the drugs and the unusual weight of the suitcases defendant was carrying.

The Government is unaware of any case stating that additional evidence such as that with which this motion is concerned, is Brady material. The Government submits that the additional cocaine is additional evidence damaging to the defense and nothing more.

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CONCLUSION

Defendant's motion should be denied in all respects.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
July 30, 1975

Respectfully submitted,

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA,

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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF KINGS ) SS:  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK)

AFFIDAVIT IN RESPONSE  
TO DEFENDANT'S NOTICE  
OF MOTION

72 CR 1300

JOHN FISH, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a Special Agent of the United States Customs Service and have held this position since February 18, 1974.

2. I am assigned to the Regional Director of Investigations, United States Customs Service, 6 World Trade Center, New York, New York.

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3. On or about March 10, 1975 I was assigned to assist the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, as case agent for the trial of Rosaura Munoz DeGarcia, 72 CR 1300. I exercised the duties of case agent through the completion of the trial.

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4. On or about the latter part of March 1975, I spoke to Lee Adlerstein, an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York and was instructed by him to make available to Phillip Peltz, the defense attorney in this case, all documents and physical exhibits seized by the United States Customs Service from Rosaura Munoz DeGarcia.

5. On or about the latter part of April 1975, I was informed by Mr. Adlerstein that the trial was to commence on a date in April, and that the two pink Samsonite suitcases seized from Mrs. Garcia and in the possession of the Customs Service were required in Court as evidence. Mr. Adlerstein also informed me that Mr. Peltz had requested that an expert analyst retained by him be permitted to inspect the suitcases prior to the commencement of the trial, and that Mr. Adlerstein had agreed with

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Mr. Peltz to allow such inspection at the courthouse immediately prior to trial. I replied there would be no problem with this arrangement, and had the suitcases brought to Mr. Adlerstein's office on the date the trial was to commence.

6. When the suitcases were brought to Mr. Adlerstein's office I was informed that the trial had been adjourned for one week. Mr. Adlerstein informed me that it would be best to take the suitcases back to Customs headquarters and to allow the expert retained by Mr. Peltz to examine the suitcases there.

7. On or about the last part of April 1975 an expert for Mr. Peltz arrived at the United States Customs House, accompanied by Mrs. Mellor, a law associate of Mr. Peltz. The expert was handed the suitcases in the presence of myself and Mrs. Mellor and no time limit was given for the length of his examination. The lighting was good and the expert had ample space in which to work. After approximately five to seven minutes of examining the suitcases in the presence of myself and Mrs. Mellor, during which time the expert appeared to look both into the inside and at the outside of the suitcases, the expert voluntarily ceased his examination and he and Mrs. Mellor left the Customs House.

8. The additional cocaine later found in one of the suitcases had not been removed from the suitcase at the time of the foregoing inspection.

JOHN FISH  
Special Agent  
United States Customs Service

Sworn to before me this  
day of July 1975

1 THE CLERK: Criminal motion in matter of  
2 United States of America versus Rosaura Munoz  
3 Degarcia.

4 MS. MELLOR: I thought Mr. Peltz would be  
5 out of town today. However, he returned yesterday  
6 but with your Honor's permission if I may I will  
7 appear before the Court.

8 THE COURT: I will hear you on the motion.

9 MS. MELLOR: This is a motion brought under  
10 Rule 33 on the grounds of newly discovered evidence.  
11 It has been found, we are not sure when, that there  
12 were three additional pounds of cocaine in the  
13 suitcases.

14 THE COURT: In addition to the ten there.

15 MS. MELLOR: In addition to the ten.

16 THE COURT: There were 13 pounds there?

17 MS. MELLOR: There were 13 pounds. The three  
18 additional pounds were not discovered until either  
19 May 5 or March 5, or after the trial. I am not  
20 really sure when.

21 But I think the point is that it is not so  
22 much there were 13 pounds instead of 10 pounds but  
23 the fact that the Government, in possession of  
24 these suitcases for all that time, did not discover  
25 these three pounds until two years after the

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1 suitcases were seized.

2 THE COURT: You say the fact there was more  
3 rather than less in some way shows the defendant to  
4 be not guilty in some way?

5 MS. MELLOR: If I may explain my theory on  
6 this, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Surely.

8 MS. MELLOR: The defendant was seized at  
9 Customs carrying the suitcases. It was alleged  
10 there were 10 pounds of cocaine in the suitcases.  
11 The defense was she did not know the cocaine was in  
12 the suitcases, one of the reasons being she never  
13 had the suitcases before in her life.

14 It seems to me the Customs agents and the  
15 people who received the suitcases should have known  
16 from the extra weight that there was extra cocaine  
17 in the suitcases.

18 THE COURT: You are saying the Government  
19 never knew about the additional three pounds?

20 MS. MELLOR: That seems to be so.

21 THE COURT: You say they should have known.

22 MS. MELLOR: I think they should have known.  
23 I think if we knew about it --

24 THE COURT: How would it help the defendant's  
25 case or alter the defendant's position?

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1 MS. MELLOR: It would strengthen the  
2 defendant's position from the weight she should not  
3 have known there was cocaine in the suitcases.  
4 Besides which, on the suppression hearing Agent  
5 Swinmore testified also at trial that one of the  
6 reasons he gave for having probable cause was that  
7 he emptied one side of the suitcase and felt it and  
8 it felt heavy. He said he knew the construction of  
9 Samsonite suitcases and was familiar with that.

10 THE COURT: Did he tell us what the weight was?  
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12 MS. MELLOR: The weight of the --

13 THE COURT: Of the Samsonite suitcases.

14 MS. MELLOR: It was not in the record.

15 THE COURT: Did anybody ask him?

16 MS. MELLOR: No, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: No, I am sure nobody did ask that.  
18 I know that, I was here.

19 MS. MELLOR: But he did testify that one side  
20 felt heavy. I think that was a very important part  
21 in the reasonable cause --

22 THE COURT: I do not see how the jury would  
23 have arrived at anything different if they knew it  
24 was 13 pounds instead of 10. I do not see how this  
25 could have altered the jurors' thinking as to the  
fact the defendant was guilty.

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1 MS. MELIOR: They could not have known it was  
2 13 pounds instead of 10. They would have known 10  
3 pounds were discovered in 1972 and three additional  
4 pounds discovered in 1975. It certainly would have  
5 gone to the credibility of the agents who said they  
6 emptied the suitcases, that is to the credibility of  
7 the agent who said the suitcases felt heavy.

8 THE COURT: Is there any normal weight for a  
9 suitcase that you know of? Is that the defendant's  
10 position? Is there any normal weight?

11 MS. MELLOR: I would not know of a normal  
12 weight, your Honor. It is not my job to ascertain  
13 whether there is possibly drugs in the suitcases.

14 THE COURT: I took a trip with my wife. My  
15 wife's is heavy and mine is light by themselves.  
16 Now what difference could that possibly make? She  
17 was complaining about the weight of hers empty and  
18 the fact the weight of mine is light. What difference  
19 this could possibly make in this trial I cannot see.  
20 But perhaps there is something to it.

21 MS. MELLOR: This would make a difference,  
22 your Honor, because the people who look into the  
23 suitcases, the agents, and that is their job, they  
24 are supposed to know how much a suitcase will weigh.  
25 The agent testified it was heavy. He must have had

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1 some basis for his testimony and he said he was  
2 familiar with the construction of Samsonite suit-  
3 cases. He testified it did not feel like a  
4 Samsonite suitcase.  
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6 THE COURT: The real problem before the Court  
7 was whether or not the defendant know or should have  
8 known.  
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10 MS. MELLOR: Exactly.

11 THE COURT: And this was the problem and the  
12 weight was something apart and aside from this as to  
13 what was in the suitcases and evidently the jury  
14 believed that this defendant should have known that  
15 10 pounds of cocaine were in that suitcase.

16 MS. MELLOR: Well, they found she should have  
17 known that 10 pounds of cocaine was in the suitcase  
18 when in fact 13 pounds were in the suitcases. One  
19 of the ways she should have known logically would  
20 have been from the weight and there was one third in  
21 there which the agents did not find.

22 THE COURT: I will hear Mr. Adlerstein on this.

23 MR. ADLERSTEIN: Your Honor, I believe that we  
24 have submitted a memorandum to your Honor and the  
25 United States has stated in the memorandum that full  
disclosure was made to the defense on this matter.  
The suitcases were made available for the inspection

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1 of an expert by the defense and that in the early  
2 stages of the trial, shortly after I was informed  
3 there might have been more cocaine in the suitcases,  
4 I stated in open Court and the Government will  
5 further contend, your Honor, that the Government  
6 agents who discovered the suitcases were doing the  
7 job. The important fact here is that they discovered  
8 there were 10 pounds of cocaine carried in by the  
9 defendant and your Honor will recall the testimony  
10 of Inspector Swinmore when he stated how he found  
11 the 10 pounds of cocaine. I think your Honor will  
12 recall the way he found it was very logical.

13 THE COURT: He put his hands into the sides  
14 of the suitcases and the way the suitcases had the  
15 cocaine in it he knew immediately there was  
16 something in the suitcase. That is what he said,  
17 he put his hand right into the suitcase. Anything  
18 further?

19 MR. ADLERSTEIN: Just that I do not see how  
20 an extra three pounds would have affected  
21 Agent Swinmore's credibility since it was his  
22 job to see that the drugs were there and he found  
23 them.

24 THE COURT: Yes.

25 MS. MELLOR: Your Honor, reading from

1 Swinemore's testimony on the hearing he said:

2 "I felt the bottom of the first suitcase."

3 THE COURT: Was this on trial?

4 MS. MELLOR: This was at the hearing, your  
5 Honor, page 17 of the transcript: "I felt the bottom  
6 of the first suitcase and it felt unusually thick,  
7 particularly where the side joins the bottom. Now  
8 I emptied one portion of the suitcase so it was  
9 completely empty. Then I felt the weight of this  
10 half of the suitcase and it felt heavy as well as  
11 feeling thick."

12 He testified similarly on the direct trial  
13 that it felt heavy. Then I believe he demonstrated  
14 how he lifted one side and it felt heavy.

15 As to Mr. Adlerstein's statement on the trial  
16 he said on page 41 that there might well have been  
17 some cocaine in the suitcases.

18 MR. ADLERSTEIN: In one of the suitcases.

19 MS. MELLOR: In one of the suitcases.

20 THE COURT: Yes, I think you brought it up  
21 during the trial.

22 MS. MELLOR: There is something else that even  
23 Mr. Adlerstein may not know about. Before I went  
24 I called Mr. Fish and asked him if we might see them,  
25 the suitcases, and he said, "I think there might be

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1 cocaine in them," or something to that effect. I  
2 thought he meant the cocaine, the 10 pounds. At  
3 this point in the trial where it was said there may  
4 be some cocaine, especially in view of the chemist's  
5 later testimony that the cocaine was in paper bags  
6 and they were breaking, I think the reasonable  
7 inference would be that there would be a little  
8 cocaine, traces of cocaine. I think if your Honor  
9 were aware that these suitcases were sitting for  
10 these days with three pounds of cocaine in them you  
11 would have done the same thing you did with the  
12 cocaine itself, which was to get it out of the  
13 courtroom. I do not think anyone assumed there had  
14 been three pounds of cocaine, that is more than a  
15 little, I think it is a significant amount of  
16 cocaine.

17 THE COURT: The suitcases themselves were not  
18 light suitcases, they were heavy suitcases and really  
19 the issue which was before the jury mainly was  
20 whether or not the defendant knew and they found that,  
21 evidently from the verdict, the defendant knew.

22 Whether the defendant knew it was 10 pounds  
23 or 13 pounds, I do not think there would have been  
24 any change as to what their position would be or  
25 what the jury did with it. I do not see any way it

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1 would have changed it.

2 MS. MELLOR: I feel if they knew that 10  
3 pounds had been discovered that night and three  
4 additional pounds had been discovered two years  
5 later there might well have been a reasonable doubt  
6 in their mind that she did not know from the weight  
7 of the suitcases.

8 THE COURT: They found she knew about at  
9 least 10 pounds. That would be the effect of their  
10 verdict in this case, that she had knowledge of at  
11 least 10 pounds and the fact that they did not find  
12 the additional three pounds I do not see how it  
13 could alter their judgment.

14 MS. MELLOR: Your Honor, I do not know what  
15 was in the jury's mind but if they felt that she  
16 knew there was 10 pounds of cocaine in the suitcases  
17 it is because the suitcases were too heavy, too  
18 heavy by 10 pounds. I think if it was brought out  
19 it was actually three more pounds, which the agent  
20 who carried the suitcases around did not even suspect--

21 THE COURT: Well, your position must be that  
22 people know the weight of the suitcases they carry.  
23 How can anyone know the weight of the suitcases they  
24 carry? How can anyone know the weight? That has  
25 to be your position, they know the weight. Is that

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1 correct?

2 MS. MELLOR: They would know the approximate  
3 weight.

4 THE COURT: How does one know the weight of  
5 two cases they carry? How by any stretch of the  
6 imagination unless they actually put it on the  
7 scale and weigh it.

8 MS. MELLOR: I think, your Honor, if a person  
9 has an empty suitcase and has a suitcase with  
10 10 pounds with something in it, there would be a  
11 noticeable difference in weight.

12 THE COURT: Well, she just took these suit-  
13 cases and put thing in them. I don't know that she  
14 knew the wieght. I do not know she had any idea  
15 as to the weight. She said she did not know any-  
16 thing was in there.

17 MS. MELLOR: It is our contention she had no  
18 idea.

19 THE COURT: She said she did not know anything  
20 was inthere. The jury verdict would mean they felt  
21 she knew or should have known. I think that is  
22 what the entire case is about and not the weight.

23 MS. MELLOR: Well, I just think that the  
24 weight speaks very strongly to it and the jury  
25 should have known as part of the verdict.

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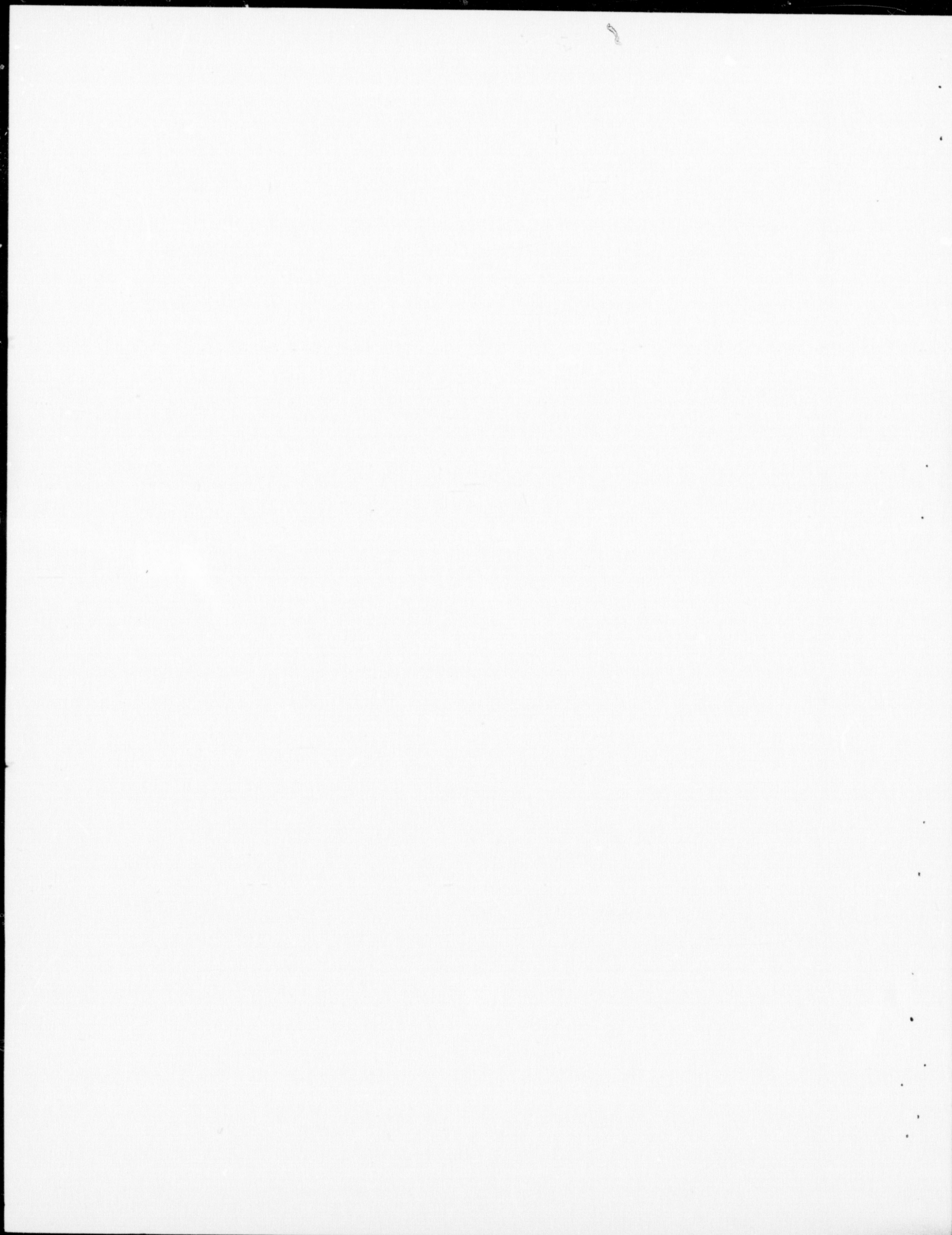
1 THE COURT: It may be but I do not agree with  
2 you. Motion denied. Mr. Adlerstein, can you  
3 submit an order for that on notice?  
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5 MR. ADLERSTEIN: Yes, your HOnor.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

O R D E R

ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA,

72 CR 1300

Defendant.

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The defendant having moved, pursuant to Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, for an order vacating the judgment of conviction entered by this Court on June 20, 1975 and for the holding of a new trial, and the Court having duly considered such motion, it is hereby

ORDERED that the said motion be and hereby is denied in all respects.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
August , 1975

HENRY BRAMWELL  
United States District Judge

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DEFENDANT

ROSAURA MUNOZ DE GARCIA

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## JUDGMENT AND PROBATION/COMMITMENT ORDER

70-2180/21

In the presence of the attorney for the government  
the defendant appeared in person on this date

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
6	20	1975

COUNSEL

☐ WITHOUT COUNSEL

However, the court advised defendant of right to counsel and asked whether defendant desired to have counsel appointed by the court and the defendant thereupon waived assistance of counsel.

☒ WITH COUNSEL

Philip Peltz, Esq.

(Name of counsel)

PLEA

☒ GUILTY, and the court being satisfied that  
there is a factual basis for the plea,☐ NOLO CONTENDERE

U.S. DISTRICT COURT E.D. N.Y.

NOT GUILTY

JUN 20 1975

There being a finding/verdict of

☐ NOT GUILTY. Defendant is discharged  
☒ GUILTY.

in Counts 1 and 3

TIME A.M. ....  
P.M. ....FINDING &  
JUDGMENT

Defendant has been convicted as charged of the offense(s) of violating T-21 U.S.C. Sec. 841(a)(1) 960(a)(1) and 952(a), in that on or about November 16, 1972, the defendant did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute and did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 4,519 grams of cocaine hydrochloride, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance into the United States from Chile

The court asked whether defendant had anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced. Because no sufficient cause to the contrary was shown, or appeared to the court, the court adjudged the defendant guilty as charged and convicted and ordered that: The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representative for imprisonment for a period of

5 years

SENTENCE  
OR  
PROBATION  
ORDER

plus a special parole term of 5 years on count 1 pursuant to T-18, U.S.C. Sec. 4208(a)(2) and 5 years plus special parole term of 5 years on count 3 pursuant to T-18, U.S.C. Sec. 4208(a)(2). Sentence on count 3 to run concurrent with sentence imposed in count 1.

SPECIAL  
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OF  
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ADDITIONAL  
CONDITIONS  
OF  
PROBATION

In addition to the special conditions of probation imposed above, it is hereby ordered that the general conditions of probation set out on the reverse side of this judgment be imposed. The Court may change the conditions of probation, reduce or extend the period of probation, and at any time during the probation period or within a maximum probation period of five years permitted by law, may issue a warrant and revoke probation for a violation occurring during the probation period.

COMMITMENT  
RECOMMEN-  
DATION

The court orders commitment to the custody of the Attorney General and recommends,

It is ordered that the Clerk deliver a certified copy of this judgment and commitment to the U.S. Marshal or other qualified officer.

SIGNED BY

☒ U.S. District Judge

☐ U.S. Magistrate

*Henry Brammell*  
Date *June 24/75*

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*Sylvia E. Marie*